
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH A VETERANS RESOURCE
OFFICE TO SUPPORT VETERANS.

1 WHEREAS, there are more than two-thousand four hundred
2 veterans enrolled across the ten campuses of the University of
3 Hawaii System, comprising four per cent of the student body; and
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5 WHEREAS, veterans provide a wealth of leadership, talent,
6 expertise, and experience to classrooms and university campuses;
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9 WHEREAS, veterans can face unique challenges when
10 integrating back into society, including traumatic brain injury,
11 post-traumatic stress disorder, physical and mental
12 disabilities, risk of suicide, and hypervigilance; and
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14 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii System does not have a
15 dedicated office to address the educational needs of veterans
16 and to encourage and recruit veterans to earn high quality
17 degrees that will help them find rewarding employment; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the University of
23 Hawaii is urged to establish a Veterans Resource Office and a
24 Veterans Resource Center at each campus to support veterans in
25 obtaining high quality degrees and to increase veteran
26 enrollment; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Veterans Resource Center
29 is urged to:
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- (1) Conduct campus surveys of student veterans to identify the needs, address important issues, and collect suggestions of veterans;
- (2) Establish a campus steering committee consisting of student veterans, faculty, and staff to:
 - (A) Develop programs to establish or strengthen the veteran supportive campus program based on best practices; and
 - (B) Identify the needs of the student veterans;
- (3) Conduct sensitivity and awareness training for faculty and staff on military and veteran culture, including traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, physical and mental disabilities, suicide risks, and hypervigilance;
- (4) Conduct student veteran orientation programs, including student veteran guides for the first day of classes;
- (5) Establish peer mentoring and peer support programs for student veterans;
- (6) Establish an optional veterans-only course taught by a veteran or by a trained volunteer on veteran issues;
- (7) Develop and implement outreach strategies to local military bases;
- (8) Act as a comprehensive resource and study center for student veterans, their families, and student family members of the armed forces who are currently deployed on active duty;
- (9) Collaborate with the community to obtain support from private organizations;
- (10) Conduct career and job placement services for student veterans; and



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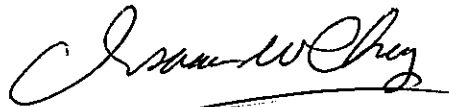
(11) Take other actions to support student veterans; and

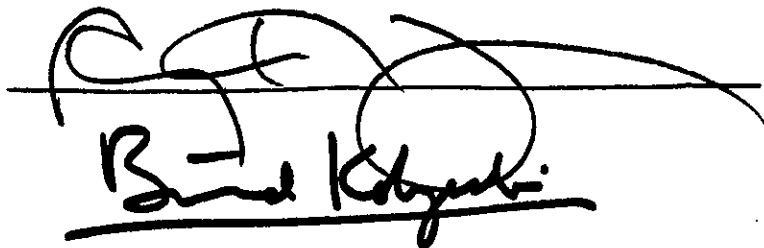
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Veterans Resource Office is urged to offer a Veterans Supportive Campus certification to any campus that has successfully implemented and achieved the goals established by this Concurrent Resolution; an

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents; the President of the University of Hawaii System; and the Director of the State Office of Veterans' Services.

OFFERED BY:











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